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Environmental Review Tribunal

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**Case No.: 14-051/14-052**

**Under Rules 130 and 131 of its Rules of Practice, the Environmental Review Tribunal has directed the Approval Holder, Grand Bend Wind GP Inc. as general partner for and on behalf of Grand Bend Wind Limited Partnership, to give this Notice of Preliminary Hearing and Hearing.**

**NOTICE OF PRELIMINARY HEARING AND HEARING**

In the matter of appeals by John Gillespie and The Municipality of Bluewater filed July 14, 2014 for a Hearing before the Environmental Review Tribunal pursuant to section 142.1 of the Environmental Protection Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. E.19, as amended, with respect to Renewable Energy Approval No. 5186-9HBJXR issued by the Director, Ministry of the Environment, on June 26, 2014 to Grand Bend Wind GP Inc. as general partner for and on behalf of Grand Bend Wind Limited Partnership, under section 47.5 of the Environmental Protection Act, regarding the construction, installation, operation, use and retiring of a Class 4 wind facility with a total name plate capacity of 100 megawatts known as the Grand Bend Wind Farm, generally bound by Lake Huron to west, Main Street/Grand Bend Line to the south, Bronson Line to east, Staffa Road to north, and a transmission line along Sararas Road, Rodgerville Road, and Road 183, Municipality of Bluewater, Municipality of South Huron, Municipality of Huron East, Municipality of West Perth, Huron County, and Perth County, Ontario;

The purpose of the Hearing is for the Tribunal to review the Director's decision and consider only whether engaging in the renewable energy project in accordance with the Renewable Energy Approval will cause serious harm to human health. If the Tribunal determines that such harm will be caused, the Tribunal may revoke the Director's decision; by order, direct the Director to take such action as the Tribunal considers appropriate; or alter the Director's decision, for which purpose the Tribunal may substitute its own opinion. If the Tribunal determines that such harm will not be caused, the Tribunal shall confirm the Director's decision.

**Preliminary Hearing:**

A Preliminary Hearing will be conducted by the Hearing Panel on:

Date: **Tuesday, August 12, 2014**

Time: **10:00 a.m.**

Location: **Stanley Community Centre  
38594B Mill Road,  
Varna, Ontario**

The purpose of the Preliminary Hearing will be to rule on requests from groups and individuals for Party, Participant or Presenter status, to identify the issues to be considered at the main Hearing and to deal with any preliminary matters that may be raised by Parties, Participants and Presenters.

**How to Participate:**

Any person who wishes to participate in this Hearing as a Party, Participant or Presenter should provide their request in writing (preferably by email) to the Case Coordinator by **no later than 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 7, 2014** stating:

- whether the person is seeking Party, Participant or Presenter status;
- a statement of the issues, facts and submissions relevant to the appeal that they wish to present;
- whether their participation is likely to make a relevant contribution to the Tribunal's determination of whether engaging in the renewable energy project in accordance with the approval will cause serious harm to human health;
- whether the person's interests may be directly and substantially affected by the Hearing or its result, and
- whether the person has a genuine interest, whether public or private, in the subject matter of the proceeding.

Requests must also include contact information including **telephone, email and fax contact information (if available) to ensure a timely response to your request and ongoing exchange of important hearing information.**

If a written request is not received by the required deadline, the Tribunal may refuse the request.

**Main Hearing:**

The hearing of evidence in this appeal will commence on:

Date: **Monday, September 8, 2014**

Time: **10:00 a.m.**

Location: **Stanley Community Centre  
38594B Mill Road,  
Varna, Ontario**

and will continue, if necessary, on dates to be determined at the Preliminary Hearing.

**TAKE NOTICE that the Preliminary Hearing and Hearing dates are peremptory to all Parties, Participants and Presenters. If you do not attend at the Preliminary Hearing and identify yourself to the Tribunal, the Environmental Review Tribunal may proceed in your absence and you will not receive any further notice in these proceedings. The Tribunal may make orders with respect to the conduct of the proceeding which will be binding on all present and future Parties, Participants and Presenters.**

### **Tribunal Services**

There will be no reporting services provided by the Environmental Review Tribunal for the Hearing. If Parties consider that they require a transcript of the proceedings they may obtain such service at their own expense.

We are committed to providing the highest quality of service to the public. This includes a commitment to providing an inclusive and accessible environment in which all members of the public have equal access to its services and are treated with dignity and respect. If you have any needs with respect to accessing the Tribunal's services, please contact us as soon as possible.

If you require service in French, please advise the Tribunal as soon as you receive this letter. Si vous avez besoin de services en français, veuillez contacter le Tribunal de l'environnement quand vous recevrez cette lettre.

For more information, please review the *Environmental Protection Act*, the Rules of Practice and Practice Directions of the Environmental Review Tribunal, and "A Guide to Appeals under section 142.1 of the *Environmental Protection Act*", which are available on the Tribunal's website at [www.ert.gov.on.ca](http://www.ert.gov.on.ca).

**DATED at TORONTO, this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of July, 2014.**

*"Joanne Hayes"*

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Registrar

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